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Ships of War; save and except, that in case such hired Armed Vessel shall be commanded by One of Our Commissioned Officers, having the Rank of Master and Commander, and there shall be none of Our Lieutenants on board, or in case such hired Armed Vessel shall be commanded by the Master in both those Cases, the Master of such hired Armed Vessel shall share with the Lieutenants of Our Ships of War, and the Mate with the Warrant Officers. — and in case any Difficulty shall arise in respect to the said Distribution, not herein sufficiently provided for, the same shall be referred to Our Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, whose direction thereupon shall be final, and have the same force and effect as if herein inserted. — Provided that if any Officer being on board any of Our Ships of War, at the Time of taking any Prize, shall have more Commissions or Offices than One, such Officer shall be entitled only to the share or shares of the Prizes which according to the above mentioned Distribution shall belong to his Superior Commission or Office. — Provided also, that in all Prizes taken by any of Our Squadrons, Ships, or Vessels, while acting in conjunction with any Squadron, Ship or Vessel, of any other Power that may be in Alliance with Us, a share of such Prizes shall be set apart, and be at Our further disposal equal to that share which the Flag, and other Officers and Crews of such Squadron, Ships, or Vessels, would have been entitled to if they had belonged to Us". — And we do hereby strictly enjoin all Commanders of Our Ships and Vessels of War taking any Prize, to transmit as soon as may be or cause to be transmitted, to the Commissioners of Our Navy, a true List of the Names of all the Officers, Seamen, Marines, Soldiers, and others who were actually on board Our Ships and Vessels of War under their Command at the Time of the Capture; which List shall contain the Quality of the Service of each Person on board, together with the Description of the Men, taken from the Description Books of the Capturing Ship or Ships, and their several ratings; and be subscribed by the Captain or Commanding Officer, and three or more of the Chief Officers on board. And we do hereby require and direct the Commissioners of Our Navy or any three or more of them, to examine, or cause to be examined such Lists by the Muster Books of such Ships and Vessels of War and Lists annexed thereto, to see that such Lists do agree with the said Muster Books

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